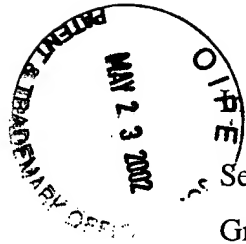


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POLYURETHANES AND (ii) MICROCELLULAR
POLYURETHANE ELASTOMERS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner of November 29, 2001, please
amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Thrice Amended) Composite elements comprising:

(i) a molding comprising thermoplastic polyurethanes and having a
thickness of from 2 to 10 mm, said molding bonded to

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